

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has made various objections to informalities, each of which are addressed in the following:

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because Figure 9 should be labeled “prior art”. Applicant has amended Figure 9 to include the designation as “prior art” and has likewise amended the specification to refer to Figure 9 as prior art. Applicant believes these amendments overcome the stated objection, and requests its removal.

Objections to the Disclosure

The Examiner objected to the Abstract due to excessive length. Applicant has amended the abstract to conform to the length requirements. Accordingly, Applicant requests this objection be removed.

The Examiner objected to the Summary section because the Summary should be a brief description and should not repeat the claims. Initially, Applicant notes that the length of the Summary, in its previous form, was less than four pages. Thus, Applicant disagrees that the length of the Summary is excessive. Further, Applicant disagrees with the Examiner that the recitation of claimed subject matter in the Summary section is improper. However, Applicant has amended the Summary section to paraphrase claimed subject matter in order to present the

disclosed matter in a more customary format. Therefore, Applicant believes the amendments to the Summary of the Invention overcome the Examiner's objection, and respectfully request its removal.

The Examiner further objected to the specification for numerous typographic and grammatical errors. In response, Applicant has amended the specification to correct such errors. Thus, Applicant requests the Examiner to remove this objection.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claim 9. Applicant has amended the claim as suggested by the Examiner and requests the objection be removed.

The Examiner objected to claim 1 for lack of antecedent basis for "the sheathed conductors". Applicant has amended claim 9 to change the "sheathed conductors" to the previously introduced "plurality of sheathed conductors". Accordingly, Applicant requests the Examiner to remove the objection.

The Examiner objected to the term "drew out" in claim 1 and "drawing out" in claim 4. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove the term "drew out" in favor of "folded back". Similar amendments were made to claim 4 and throughout the specification. In support of this change, Applicant directs the Examiner to page 14, lines 2-9 of the specification and elsewhere, which discloses the portions of the cable as being folded back prior to being secured by the binding member, and additionally to Figures 6-8. Furthermore, Applicant believes the

amendment of claim 4 to change “drawing out” to the term “folding back” clarifies the steps of the method defined by lines 18-23. Thus, Applicant requests the removal of the objections to claims 1 and 4.

The Examiner objected to claim 1 due to the use of the term “wound” in relation to the superposed parts. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to change the term “wound” to “bound”. In support of this amendment, Applicant points to the specification at page 14, lines 6-9, which describes binding member 30 that binds the superposed portions. Accordingly, Applicant requests the removal of this objection.

The Examiner additionally objected to claims 2, 3 and 4 for various typographical and grammatical errors. Applicant has amended claims 2, 3 and 4 as suggested by the Examiner and therefore requests the objections be removed.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figure 9 with Replacement Figure 9.

Attached: Replacement figure